

## JONES WILL BATTLE FOR OLD SOLDIERS

Senator Wants All Facts as to Dismissals From the Postal Service.

## SMOOT COMES TO AID OF SENATE EMPLOYEES

Opposes Discrimination Against Veterans Under the Democratic Regime, and Demands Action.

Senator Jones of Washington today came to the aid of the old soldiers who have recently been demoted, discharged or whose resignations have been demanded in the Post Office Department in the District, and in the Washington post office. He introduced a resolution calling upon the Postmaster General to send to the Senate the names, ages and length of service of all employees of the department in the District and of the Washington city post office, who have served in any war in the United States Army, and who have been demoted, discharged or whose resignations have been called for since March 4, 1914. The resolution also asks for the efficiency ratings of these employees at the time of their demotion or removal.

## Wants All the Facts.

Senator Jones said in an interview that he was in hearty sympathy with the old soldiers who have lost their positions and declared that he desired to have all the facts in their cases laid before the Senate for the purpose of determining what should be done by Congress.

"Certainly these cases are a strong argument in favor of some form of civil service retirement system," said Senator Jones. "The government should do something to care for its aged employees who have served faithfully for many years and who have become too old to be continued in the service."

In the interest of the old soldiers on the Senate pay roll, Senator Smoot of Utah today introduced an amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill, providing that all G. A. R. veterans be paid hereafter \$1,440 a year, the pay which they have received up to recently.

## Many Veterans Demoted.

Senator Smoot said that since the Democrats had gained control of the Senate many of the old soldiers have been demoted. Under resolution of the Senate providing for the old soldiers' roll these men have not been discharged. This resolution was adopted July 14, 1911. Many of the old soldiers have been designated as "undesirable" and have been ordered to leave the present order of things. "You will find one of the soldiers at a door of the Senate building who took for his subject," said the senator, "and over on the other side you will find a demagogue doing the same work, but receiving \$1,440 a year. It is perhaps a Confederate veteran. There does not appear to be any justice in such a condition of affairs."

## IS FORMALLY OPENED.

Convention of Church of New Jerusalem in Regular Session.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 23.—The opening of the general convention of the Church of the New Jerusalem, which has been preceded since Tuesday by councils of ministers, took place here this morning. The religious service was conducted by the Rev. William L. Worcester of Cambridge, N. H. The annual address was made by the Rev. Julian H. Smythe of New York, who took for his subject, "The Three Means of Fulfilling Our Mission."

The afternoon was devoted to pleasure. Following a luncheon the delegates took a steamboat ride up the Ohio river.

## TO HONOR UNCLE REMUS.

Home of Joel Chandler Harris to Be Dedicated as Shrine.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 23.—Dedication exercises will be held here today by which the home of Joel Chandler Harris, the author, will be opened as a permanent shrine and a memorial to the folk lore writer whom the world knew as Uncle Remus.

The occasion has been arranged primarily by the Uncle Remus Association, embracing admirers of the great writer's stories throughout the nation. The ceremonies will be held in connection with the annual May festival at the Wren's Nest, as the Harris home is known.

Hundreds of children will take part in the festival. Address will be made by Gov. Stanton of Georgia, Mrs. A. C. Williams, president of the association, and others. A bronze medalion by Roger Burnham Noble also will be unveiled.

## ONE KILLED, TWO INJURED.

Seaboard Air Line Railway Train Wrecked Near Savannah.

SAVANNAH, Ga., May 23.—Seaboard Air Line, Florida to New York, train was wrecked at Anderson, a siding six miles south of Savannah, this morning. Engineer A. C. Gruber of Savannah was killed and Fireman Sawyer Hallman, Savannah, and H. F. Roach, express messenger, Jacksonville, injured.

Officials of the line state that train wreckers are responsible for the accident. Where the train ran into a siding the switch lock was broken, the light on the target extinguished and the switch half thrown. A half-mile above the wreck a cattle was struck and killed by the same person or persons, but this was extinguished before any harm was done.

## RATIFIED BY JAPAN.

The Japanese-American Arbitration Treaty Approved at Tokio.

TOKIO, May 23.—The Japanese-American arbitration treaty, it was announced by the government today, has been ratified by Japan.

The treaty ratified by Japan today is one of a number of similar treaties that have been negotiated by the State Department. The treaties were ratified by the United States Senate February 22 last. As ratified the treaty pledges the contracting governments to arbitrate all questions excepting only those affecting vital interests, independence or national honor and the rights of third parties.

## TRY TO BLOW UP CITY'S AQUEDUCT

Suffragettes Seek to Cut Off Half of Glasgow's Water Supply.

## BAD FUSE TO TWO BOMBS PREVENTS DEPREDAATION

Militant Slashes King's Picture in Edinburgh—London Police Raid Women's Headquarters.

GLASGOW, Scotland, May 23.—The failure of a fuse early today saved the viaduct which carried half of Glasgow's water supply from Loch Katrine, forty-two miles away.

A watchman while patrolling the viaduct noticed some freshly turned earth. He made an investigation and discovered two powerful bombs with a half-burned fuse. In the vicinity two fuses, yesterday of the suffragette and a placard stating that the destruction of the viaduct was a protest against the treatment of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst.

## King's Picture Hacked.

EDINBURGH, Scotland, May 23.—A picture of King George V. by John Lavery, in the Royal Scottish Academy here, was hacked by a suffragette this afternoon. The woman used a hatchet. She smashed the glass of the picture and made a gash several inches in length in the canvas. When arrested she refused to give her name.

## Headquarters Raided.

LONDON, May 23.—A raid on the headquarters of the Women's Social and Political Union, the militant suffragette organization, was carried out by the police this afternoon. They took possession of the building, but succeeded in finding only a few members of the staff on duty.

After thoroughly ransacking the rooms the police let all the officials go except one woman. There was no disturbance inside the building, but a number of women, who had been waiting outside, were arrested during the raid. A large force of policemen protected them.

Frida Graham, the militant suffragette who yesterday slashed a number of valuable paintings in the national art gallery, today committed for trial after a hearing at the police court.

The accused kept up a continual tirade at the prisoners' enclosure and was held fast by two policemen throughout the proceedings.

The pictures were not so badly damaged as had been thought. The suffragette, who was seen by the police, had the evidence of an official from the gallery.

## STUDENT CONFESSES TO SHOOTING WOMAN

Young Italian Says He Attacked Mrs. Flavelle on Train After Gambling Losses.

FLORENCE, Italy, May 23.—A Florentine art student, Pietro Rossi, was arrested today on suspicion of being the man who shot and robbed Mrs. Mary Flavelle of Chicago Thursday, while she was on a train between Florence and Assisi. Rossi later confessed the crime. He said: "I am a student at the Social Science Institute here and am twenty-four years old. I had gambled away almost all the money I possessed and had started on my way home to Monte Pulciano, in order to inform my family of my predicament. On the train, however, I saw an old lady who apparently already had died in the grave and to whom wealth could not mean much."

"The sight of the well-dressed woman tempted me and I attacked her. I would not have fired if she had not screamed when I grasped her by the waist, then lost my reason and fired."

The accused is kept under close watch. The condition of Mrs. Flavelle had improved today and the doctors stated that she would probably survive if her constitution could be brought back to normal after recuperation from the great loss of blood caused by the wound.

## REBELS MENACE CAPITAL.

Revolt in Albania Under the Leadership of Essad Pasha.

LONDON, May 23.—Dispatches from Albania indicate that the capital of the new principality is in danger of attack from insurgent followers of Essad Pasha, former minister of war, who was recently deported and went to Italy. A revolution has broken out at Tirana, east of Durazzo, and the government forces there have suffered defeat. A column of 5,000 rebels was today reported advancing on Durazzo, while at Kavala, twelve miles south of the capital, insurgents hoisted the Turkish flag.

Austria and Italy are making preparations to send troops to Durazzo from Scutari.

Yale Delegates at Athletic Meet.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 23.—Business and pleasure were mixed at the eleventh annual meeting of the Western Association of Yale Clubs here today. A brief business session, at which reports from committees were acted on, was held in the afternoon, after which the club members went to the country club for a luncheon and athletic meet in the afternoon. The climax of the meeting will come tonight at a banquet, at which former President Taft will be the toastmaster and at which prominent Yale alumni will speak.

## Motion Pictures

Schedule of the special features in the leading moving picture theaters for Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday may be found in the amusement column on the last page of today's Star.

## FALLS CHURCH FARE NOT UNREASONABLE

Interstate Commerce Commission Refuses to Order a Reduction.

## COMPARISONS ARE MADE WITH MOUNT VERNON LINE

Opinion Explains That When Zone System Is Employed Averages Must Be Regarded.

Lower fares between Falls Church, Va., and 12th and D streets northwest, over the Falls Church division of the Washington-Virginia railway today were denied by the interstate commerce commission in an opinion rendered in the case of the citizens of Falls Church against the Washington-Virginia Railway Company. The rates were found by the commission not to be "unreasonable or unjustly discriminatory," as charged by the complainants in their original petition. The opinion stated that if there was any discrimination it was in favor of the Falls Church division, instead of the Mount Vernon division, as charged by the complainants.

Although the commutation and round-trip rates were attacked in the original petition, the principal source of complaint was the requirement by the railroad of an additional fare of 5 cents, or one car ticket, costing 1-6 cents, for the ride from the Long bridge to the 12th street terminal of the road in this city.

## Results of Zone System.

Numerous tables of distances are printed in the opinion to support its conclusions, and the commission calls attention to the point that "to determine the reasonableness of rates or fares to a group or zone the comparisons should be made with the average distance to the group or zone rather than with distances and rates or fares to particular points within the group or zone."

Support of the zone system of rates is given in the opinion, which says on that point: "This arbitrary division of the line must be drawn, however, in necessary relation to the facts in connection with the location of the stations, the points from and to which passengers travel, and to the circumstances which brought about the establishment of the fares when the lines were operated as separately owned roads."

The commission compared with adjustments a rate of fare to a point immediately over the line in a higher group or zone looks, when compared with the rates of the group or zone, to be somewhat out of line, but this is a necessary result of the grouping principle. The line must be drawn somewhere or grouping abandoned, and to demonstrate that unjust discrimination results other facts must be shown."

## Comparison of Fares.

Comparing the fares on the two divisions of the road, the opinion says: "The distance traveled on a twenty-five-trip family ticket from Falls Church station to 12th and D streets is 24.75 miles; the cost of the ticket is \$3.94, and the earnings per mile 1.26 cents. The distance traveled on the same kind of a ticket to Alexandria is 10.75 miles; the cost of the ticket, \$2.50, and the fare per mile 1.26 cents. The distance traveled to New Alexandria is 4.25 miles; the cost of the ticket, \$1.25, and the fare per mile 1.23 cents. So that discrimination as to this kind of tickets, if any there be, is against rather than in favor of the Mount Vernon division so far as the third zone is concerned."

It is further stated in the opinion that the fares to and from Rosslyn have the approval of the corporation commission of Virginia, and are not attacked in the complaint in question. The fare to and from Rosslyn is 1.25 miles; the cost of the ticket, \$1.25, and the fare per mile 1.23 cents. The distance traveled to Arlington Junction is 3.75 miles; the cost of the ticket, \$1.12, and the fare per mile 1.23 cents. The distance traveled to Arlington Junction is 3.75 miles; the cost of the ticket, \$1.12, and the fare per mile 1.23 cents. The distance traveled to Arlington Junction is 3.75 miles; the cost of the ticket, \$1.12, and the fare per mile 1.23 cents.

"Fares on both the divisions," says the opinion in conclusion, "have been carefully scrutinized by the commission. Considering that the volume of traffic on the Mount Vernon division is more than three times greater than on the Falls Church division, and that the two divisions are operated by separate management, there would seem to be a fairly harmonious alignment of fares between the two divisions. The commission is unable to justify a reduction of the fares of which complaint is here made."

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## UNFAIR TO THE STATES.

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## RESULTS IN DEATH OF THREE.

Fourteen Persons Injured, Also, by Breaking of Gangplank.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Three drowned, fourteen injured, appeared today to sum up the casualties incident to the break in yesterday of the gangplank leading to the steamship Frederick VIII. The dead are Annette Feldschau, a child, and Mrs. Anna Edwards, both of whose bodies were recovered, and Mrs. Edwards' three-year-old daughter, Mary. Search was still being conducted for the Edwards' child's body today.

An investigation into the accident has been ordered by the Hoboken authorities.

## THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

Senate: Met at 11 a.m. Considered agricultural appropriation bill. Amendment to sundry civil appropriation bill to increase compensation of employees on the soldiers' roll proposed by Senator Smoot.

House: Met at 11 a.m. General debate on Clayton anti-trust bill resumed.



## TAX ON INHERITANCES IN NATIONAL CAPITAL

Representative Prouty Introduces Bill in House Aimed at "Tax Dodgers."

As part of his campaign against the alleged tax dodgers of the District of Columbia, Representative Prouty of Iowa today introduced a bill providing for a graduated tax on inheritances in the District.

The tax, as provided in the Prouty bill, ranges from 1 per cent on all inheritances less than \$25,000; 2 per cent on inheritances between \$25,000 and \$50,000; 3 per cent on inheritances between \$50,000 and \$100,000; 4 per cent on inheritances between \$100,000 and \$500,000; and 5 per cent on all inheritances above that amount. The tax thus described applies only to inheritances received by or for the decedent's descendants, when an inheritance is received, from two to five times these amounts would be levied.

## Exemptions to Be Made.

There is an exemption of \$24,000 to the widow or minor child, and exemptions to other heirs and legatees ranging from \$10,000 to \$500, depending on their consanguinity to the decedent.

As a reason for offering the bill Judge Prouty said: "There is an inheritance tax now levied in almost every country of the world. It has become recognized as one of the just methods of taxing accumulated wealth. Practically all the states of the Union have laws levying an inheritance tax, but there is not now and never has been such a tax in the District of Columbia. For this reason many very wealthy people actually live in the District of Columbia, and their residence here so as to escape the tax on their estates."

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## FINANCIAL MEN CELEBRATE.

Observe Anniversary of Tontine Coffee House in New York.

NEW YORK, May 23.—New York's financial district turned aside today from its commercial activities to give its attention to things sentimental in celebrating the anniversary of the Tontine coffee house, the original headquarters of the New York Stock Exchange, in 1793 of the New York Stock Exchange.

Included in the ceremonies was the unveiling of a bronze tablet outlining the history of the old hostelry, which is at the northwest corner of Wall and William streets. Former Mayor Seth Low presided at the unveiling ceremonies.

Among the notable events with which the history of the old structure is identified was the reception to Gen. Washington on his arrival in New York for his first inauguration. The building was erected in 1793, and May 23, 1794, a letter was written there by a committee of merchants, which was largely instrumental in the organization of the Continental Congress.

## Shot Down as He Reaches Home.

WEST NEWTON, Pa., May 23.—R. G. Stoner, a leading business man, was shot dead as he stepped on the porch at his residence here last night. Five shots were fired by an unknown assassin concealed in the shrubbery on the lawn.

## Three Injured in Auto Crash.

WHEELING, W. Va., May 23.—Blinded by the headlights of an interurban car, Frank Green drove his automobile over a thirty-foot embankment near here early today. Green was fatally injured and his companions, Milton Murray and Henry Stotter, seriously hurt.

## MANY TAXPAYERS REMAIN CONFUSED

Current Bills Not Based on New Triennial Assessment, Mr. Richards Reiterates.

That there still is much confusion in the minds of taxpayers concerning the time the new triennial assessment becomes effective was indicated today when Assessor William P. Richards received several bills made out for the current year with requests that they be altered on the basis of appeals submitted.

Those who returned the bills were under the impression that they had been based on the new assessment, and they therefore requested that the amounts be reduced on the ground that the ratings were too high.

Mr. Richards had occasion to point out to many owners today that the current bills are based on the old assessment and that the new assessment will not be made until some time next week, because of the absence of the assessors' attorney. The date for the hearing was not fixed, and C. C. Tedder, Rev. C. B. Ragdale and R. L. Barber were indicted for perjury.

Six detectives, who have been working on the murder case at the instance of friends of Frank, were arrested last night on recommendation of the local police commission. They are charged with operating without conforming to the city ordinance regulating outside detectives. All were released on bonds. They are Charles E. Sears, Daniel S. Lebowitz, W. D. McWorth, W. W. Rogers, C. C. Tedder and C. Whitfield.

The same recommendation was made as to William J. Burns, the detective.

## Five Indictments Returned.

Five indictments have been returned by the Fulton county grand jury here as a result of investigations into charges of bribery and perjury growing out of the case of Leo M. Frank. Those indicted for alleged bribery were: Dan Lebowitz, a detective; Arthur Thurman, a lawyer; and C. C. Tedder, Rev. C. B. Ragdale and R. L. Barber were indicted for perjury.

## ARE HEATHEN, ARTISTICALLY.

R. W. DeForest Deplores Americans' Lack of Appreciation of Art.

CHICAGO, May 23.—America is not far removed from a state of barbarism as far as appreciation of art is concerned, according to a speech here last night by Robert W. DeForest of New York, president of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and of the American Federation of Arts. Mr. DeForest addressed the convention of the federation here.

"As an example of American artistic heathenism," he said, "the Metropolitan Museum on the ground that it was not an educational institution. In the surrogate of the Metropolitan Museum, which was a place of amusement, like any ten-cent show on Coney Island. The court upheld this argument, and it was not until the case had been carried to a higher court that it was reversed."

Mr. DeForest said that it was the task of the federation of arts to educate the public to know that imagination is the foundation of civilization.

## Representative Willis

On Going to Church.

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## HOLD ASSESSMENT IS NOT NULLIFIED

Officials Believe New Triennial Figures Will Stand Despite Kalfus Decision.

## COMMISSIONERS TO TAKE UP QUESTION NEXT WEEK

May Prefer Charges Against Ousted Official as Soon as He Is Restored to Office.

That the decision of the District Court of Appeals holding the ousting of Samuel T. Kalfus as a member of the board of assistant assessors to have been invalid will not have the effect of nullifying the new triennial assessment was the opinion expressed today by Commissioner Sidons. This view was concurred in by William P. Richards, assessor of the District; E. W. Oyster, who was appointed to succeed Mr. Kalfus, and other District officials.

Although declining to comment on the case until he has had an opportunity to digest the opinion handed down by Justice Robb, Mr. Sidons expressed emphatically his belief that the question of the assessment having been rendered null and void by the Kalfus decision was too far fetched to suggest even to be worthy of serious consideration.

He said that the decision was not discussed at the board session of the Commissioners today, but that it probably will be taken up early next week.

## Charges May Be Preferred.

The Commissioner intimated that he presumed the plan of the District heads would be to prefer charges against Kalfus, which will be taken up at a formal hearing as soon as the ousted official has been restored to office by a court order.

Assessor Richards' opinion that the assessment has not been nullified is based on the fact that Mr. Oyster's presence was at no time necessary to constitute a quorum when assessments were being made. Likewise, he maintained, assessments were made legally by the board when there were more than enough members to constitute a quorum.

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## Much Speculation Indulged In.

Much speculation was indulged in by District officials generally as to the situation that will be created by the return of Mr. Kalfus to his former position, which, according to Justice Robb's ruling, he has never been legally ousted from.

It was pointed out that while court decisions appear to uphold the legality of acts by de facto officials, the question might be raised as to whether Mr. Oyster has been a de facto official, in view of the fact that, according to Justice Robb's ruling, he has never been legally ousted from.

While it is plain that the most of the city today, will be expected to help the Commissioners clear up such questions when they meet next week to consider the matter pending consideration of it by the Commissioners.

## LAND NOW MRS. WILSON'S.

Land Office Receiver Concurs in Decision of Registrar.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 23.—Concurrence in the recent decision by the registrar of the local land office giving Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the President, title to acres of land in the Coachella valley, was given yesterday by O. R. W. Robinson, receiver of the local land office. His concurrence was necessary to establish the title.

Mrs. Wilson came into possession of the land through original filing of John T. King, who sold his rights to Mrs. Margaret Axson Elliott, Mrs. Wilson's sister. The land was given to Mrs. Wilson by her husband, President Wilson.

When Mrs. Wilson desired possession it was found that others claimed the land. In the completed ruling the land office held the confusion in the title was due to misunderstanding of the law.

## MAN JAMMED UPON PILOT.

Engine Brings Gruesome Cargo Into the Chicago Station.

CHICAGO, May 23.—Passengers and attendants in the LaSalle street station were startled early today when the fast train of the Chicago and North Western Southern railroad stopped at the station with the body of a man jammed upon the pilot. Several persons fainting. Until then neither the fireman nor the engineer knew the train had struck anything.

A notebook found on the body contained the name Nicholas Geisen Westville, Ind. Scraps of harness and portions of a buggy were tangled in the pilot, indicating that the man had been struck while driving across the tracks.

## LOZANO LEAVES MEXICO CITY.

Former Government Official Probably on Way to Europe.

MEXICO CITY, May 23.—Jose Maria Lozano, who recently resigned as minister of communication and public works, left the capital late yesterday in a special train over the Mexican railroad. His final destination is unknown, but it is believed that he is going to Coahuila de Zaragoza, whence he will sail for Europe or South America.

## Lewis D. Dozier, Capitalist, Dead.

ST. LOUIS, May 23.—Lewis D. Dozier, capitalist, philanthropist, and member of one of the oldest families of St. Louis, died here today of hardening of the arteries, at the age of sixty-eight years.

Mr. Dozier was a member of the executive committee of the Louisiana Purchase exposition. He was one of the organizers of the St. Louis Aero Club and was its first president.

## A. B. C. MEDIATORS HAVE LARGE PLANS

AT NIAGARA FALLS

Hope to Pacify Mexico and Give the World a New Monroe Doctrine.

TAMPICO AND VERA CRUZ NOT THE VITAL ISSUES

Think Peace of the Entire Western Hemisphere May Be Affected.

ARE NOT TO BE HURRIED

Official Statement Says Preliminaries Take Time and Problems Call for Careful Study.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., May 23.—Huerta's insult to the American flag at Tampico and the occupation of Vera Cruz by United States forces are classed among the secondary matters to be considered by the A. B. C. mediators in session here.

Pacification of the entire Mexican republic, the establishment of stable government, and, possibly, adjustment of some of the economic questions that have been fruitful of revolution, are regarded as within the scope of the mediation.

Nor do the mediators feel that the results of their labors will have bearing on Mexico and the United States alone.

## To Interpret Monroe Doctrine.

They believe there may result a new interpretation of the Monroe doctrine which would make that unwritten law of American policy more acceptable to the Latin-American peoples, and that the peace of the entire western hemisphere may be profoundly affected by their deliberations.

Announcement was made shortly after noon today that the first full conference between the mediators and both the American and Mexican delegates will be held tonight.

It was arranged at the request of the Mexican delegates that the mediators informally this morning, after which the South American mediators sent for the Mexican delegates to consult them about the matter.

## Compelled to Go Slow.

A great deal of embarrassment is felt by the envoys of Brazil, Argentina and Chile, as well as by the delegates of the Washington and Mexico City governments, because of the impatience of the public which is awaiting an adjustment of the Mexican question. Every day they are overwhelmed with inquiries as to the part the mediators may play in the settlement of the Mexican question. The mediators are anxious to proceed as rapidly as possible and are devoting hard work and long hours tonight to the most delicate task of the mediation—settling the differences between the American and Mexican delegates.

As a matter of fact, not one of the vital issues has been reached and it would relieve those working here if the public could understand that in all diplomatic matters there is no other call for haste than in the case of the mediation. Until the preliminaries of the mediation conference could be smoothed out, the mediators are unable to say how long the conference would continue. After separate sessions last night with delegates from Mexico and the United States, the mediators said they believed they were almost ready to progress in the popular acceptance of the term.

The situation as it has been so far was explained by a spokesman for the mediators and the delegates in order to clear away the misunderstandings. It is this:

Had to Get Acquainted. Notwithstanding introductions in Washington, the South American diplomats, the representatives of the United States and of the Huerta government